

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of;)	
Pappas et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 3733
Application No: 10/525,695)	
)	Confirmation No.: 7060
371(c) date: Feb. 22, 2005)	
)	Examiner: Comstock, David C.
For: PATHOGEN RESISTANT CARBIDE)	
SURGICAL TOOLS)	
)	

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT B

Sir:

Applicants respond to the non-final action mailed March 25, 2008 and hereby petition for a 3-month extension of time in which to file a response. The petition fee and excess claim fee have been paid electronically. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge any other fee occasioned by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, ref. PAK-001.01.

Please amend the application as set forth on the following pages.